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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment
Environmental Planning Division

Baton Rouge Ozone Attainment Demonstration
State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision
(0404Pot1)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R. S. 30:2001 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, Plan Development Section, will submit a revision to the SIP for the five-parish Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area to implement specific emission reduction control strategies and demonstrate compliance with the one-hour ozone air quality standard. The SIP revision is mandated under the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

The Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area, namely Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge Parishes, did not attain the one-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) by November 15, 1999, which was the attainment date for serious nonattainment areas set forth by the Clean Air Act. As a result the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), by operation of law, reclassified the Baton Rouge area from serious to severe nonattainment effective June 24, 2003. In accordance with this reclassification, a SIP revision will be submitted to the EPA no later than June 23, 2004.

A public hearing will be held at 1:30 pm on May 25, 2004, in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Room C-111, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, please contact Vivian H. Aucoin at (225) 219-3575 or at the address listed below. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposal.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the SIP no later than 4:30 p.m., May 28, 2004, to Vivian H. Aucoin, Office of Environmental Assessment, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or to FAX (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to vivian.aucoin@la.gov.

A copy of the SIP may be viewed from 8:a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the DEQ Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

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